***We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship as the ancestral, cultural, traditional and unceded lands***

***of the Musqueam***, *Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

**West Point Grey United Church**

**Vancouver, BC**

♦ Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable

Congregational responses are in **bold**

**A Celebration of Worship**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**November 5th, 2017**

 **Prelude**: *Anita Eccleston on trumpet; Eileen Padgett on piano*

 **Welcome / Life and Work of the People**

 **Silence, As We Prepare Our Hearts For Worship**

 ***Here, with faith, we reach beyond ourselves,
to find that grace which strengthens our spirit;
to hear that word that changes us;***

***and to come closer to the sacred...***

*(gathering words will be followed by a time of silence,*

*ending with the chiming of the singing bowl)*

**A Time Of Remembrance**

**♦**♪ **The Last Post:**  *Anita Eccleston on trumpet*

**♦ Pledge of Remembrance / Laying of Wreath:**

 **One:** They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

 At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

 we will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

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**♦ Observance of a Minute of Silence in Remembrance**

 **Words of Gathering***:*

 There was a dream ....

**wolves and sheep together, nations at peace, weapons of war turned into tools of harvest.**

 There was a dream ….

**the vulnerable supported, poverty and injustice broken, the sorrowful made whole.**

 And this dream of God became flesh ....

**on the tongues of the prophets, in the dreams of the people, in the life of Jesus.**

 And this dream of God becomes flesh ...

i**n you and in me, as we follow in God’s holy way,**

**and live the love of Jesus.**

*(light candle for peace)*

**♦**♪ **Hymn: ‘**Let There Be Peace On Earth’ (x2)

 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,

the peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

 Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
 With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow;
 To take each moment and live each moment

in peace eternally!
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

 **Prayer of Gathering**

**♦**  **Sharing The Peace:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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**Hosting The Word**

***Whether you take what is written in the Bible***

***as fact, metaphor, myth or story – listen to these words***

***for the meaning they hold for you today.***

♪ **Sung** **Prayer for Illumination:** *(x2)* ***MV 85***

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;*

*set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.*

 **Congregational Reading:** Isaiah 2: 2-4 *Reader: Jan Tennant*

♪ **Refrain:** *I am walking a path of peace,* ***MV 221***

 *I am walking a path of peace;*

 *I am walking a path of peace;*

 *Lead me home, lead me home*

In days to come, the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall stream to it.

 **Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the**

 **mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.”**

The LORDshall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

 **Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

♪ **Refrain:** *I am walking a path of peace,*

 *I am walking a path of peace;*

 *I am walking a path of peace;*

 *Lead me home, lead me home.*

 **Scripture:** Hebrews 11 *(selected)*  *‘Roll call of heroes in faith’*

***May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder,***

***as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.***

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 Reflecting On The Word

 **Prayers of the People**

**Our Grateful Response**

♪ **Offertory**

 **Presentation of Our Gifts: *Tune: VU 424***

We are many kinds of folks from different lands

 ev'ry age and hue, we serve with loving hands.

 Come and join the circle, care for one and all;

 loving neighbour, we respond to Jesus' call.

 Rise up, God needs everyone!

 Rise up, till God’s peace is won!

 Rise up, make our circle wide;

 Rise up, working side by side.

**Nourishment For The Journey**

**Holy Communion**

 **Invitation to Communion:**

Friends, from many pasts and pathways, we are gathered to this one place*;* a sacred space that provides welcome for all, and nourishment for the journey. We come to remember and be remembered, joining our spirits with those of the faithful of every time and age, to be held and made whole by the grace of Christ.

♪ **Hymn:** ‘More Than We Can Ask Or Imagine’ ***CP 86***

1. More than we can ask or imagine,

 more than we can ever dare to dream;

 we are the children of heaven’s creation,

 God’s own beloved, each called by name.

 ***Refrain: And we cry, Glory! Glory!***

 ***Glory to God who calls us by name!***

 ***Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory we sing!***

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2. More than we will ever imagine,

 more than we will ever understand;

 we are sent to walk with compassion,

 to live out God’s love by heart and by hand.

 ***Refrain: And we cry, Glory! Glory!***

 ***Glory to God who calls us by name!***

 ***Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory we sing!***

3. More than we can ask or imagine,

 more than we could ev-er desire;

 out of the dust God’s building a kingdom,

 like wine from the press, like bread from the fire. *refrain …*

 **Communion Prayer:**

 Friends, from many pasts and pathways, we are gathered to this one place – a sacred space that provides welcome for all, and nourishment for the journey. We come to remember and to be remembered, joining our spirits with those of the faithful of every time and age, to be held and made whole by the

 grace of Christ.

 **Gathered and nurtured in Your love, O God, we meet around this Table of welcome.**

Attested by time, honoured by countless generations, these

 symbols of bread and wine continue to be our common hope and unity with all creation in its yearning for peace, justice and wholeness. Therefore, the whole realm of nature around us, we join our voices with the saints – past, present and future:

 **Holy, holy, holy God. With all the saints, we forever sing to the glory of your name!**

***Welcome to West Point Grey United Church***

*If you are a guest in our midst, please feel at home – your presence with us is appreciated! Everyone is invited to a time of refreshments and conversation following the worship. Sermons and bulletins in Mandarin, and large print bulletins and music are available in the entryway. Children are invited to go out for JAM (Sunday School)*

*after the passing of the peace.*

*A special thank you to Anita Eccleston, our guest trumpeter*

*Minister: Rev. Valerie Taylor*

*Director of Music Eileen Padgett*

*Children & Youth Debra Dawes*

*Intercultural Coordinator Linda Liang*

*Projectionist: Norman Henderson*

*Office Administrator Janis Terrien*

*Scripture Reader: Jan Tennant*

*Greeters & Ushers* Joy Begley and Jean Leach

Pour out Your Spirit on us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may find in them Your loving presence – healing, forgiving, and making us whole.

 **And as we eat and drink together in the Spirit of Your enduring love and compassion, strengthen us to be bearers of Your love, hope, friendship and peace to the world.**

**Breaking The Bread …. Lifting The Cup**

**Sharing The Gifts**

**♦**♪ **Hymn:** ‘Walk With Me, I Will Walk With You’ ***VU 649***

**♦Blessing As We Go Forth**

**♦**♪ **Choral Blessing**: ‘Sent Out In Jesus’ Name’ (x2) ***MV 212***

*Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now*

 *to make the world a place in which the kingdom comes. (x2)*

 *The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain*

 *into a world of love, of justice and of peace.*

 *The task is ours to do, to set it really free.*

 *O, help us to obey, and carry out Your will.*

♪ **Postlude**